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Gorbachev's future said 'uncertain'

CIA Director William Webster
said the fate of Soviet President



Webster

Mikhail Gorbachev today is
"more and more
uncertain."

Mr. Webster
said in an inter-
view Friday
with PBS'

"MacNeil/
Lehrer News-
Hour" that U.S.
intelligence

agencies must not ignore the de-
stabilization of the Soviet Union.

"We need to have an encyclo-
pedic understanding of a very dy-
namic and, in many ways, unset-
tling situation there as the various
republics seek autonomy, as Gorba-
chev's future becomes more and
more uncertain, as the far right
strives to maintain order in ways
that may not be reformist," Mr.
Webster said.